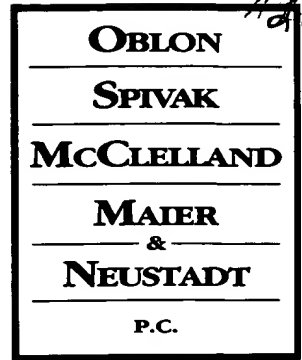




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The following is a request for a certificate of correction in Serial Number 09/131,915, now Patent Number 6,406,499.

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 322 of the Rules of Practice, which implement 35 USC 254, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to issue a certificate of correction in the above-identified patent.

In light of the fact that the errors were the fault of the Patent Office, no fees are required. The requested corrections are listed on FORM P.T.O. 1050.

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It is certified that an error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

~~On the~~ title page, Item 54 and Column 1, the Title is incorrect. Item 54 and Column 1 should read:

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